## TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE Transcriber's Office FLOOR DEBATE

January 14, 2002

be talking about this suspension rules very...rules...suspension to the rules motion very much, we have had an opportunity to spend quite a bit of time today on a discussion of the...of the motion to amend the rules, and I hope you will support this. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Hudkins, you're recognized to close on your motion.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you, Mr. President and members of We have talked all day on this. We have heard reconsideration motions, we have heard bracket motions, we have heard reconsideration motions, we have heard all the other things plus reconsideration motions. We have wasted an entire And as Senator Beutler said, this suspension motion is the only method that we have because rules are not included under the cloture motion. I'd like to comment on a few comments that were made from various speakers throughout the day and everybody in what they said. You know, we have some rules...things that need to be changed, and you can bet that there will be some additional changes next year. might even try to change the rules sometime during this year, if that's what's necessary. Section...Rule 1, Section 16 (a); rules...or the bills and everything having to be run through the Executive Board, that's not the practice. Well, if it's not the practice we don't need the rule. I think that would be a prime The comments on the presiding consideration for change. officer, that is currently in the language under cloture. We tired to keep these proposals as similar to our current rules as The Governor we thought necessary. Lieutenant provide (sic--preside), from the constitution. Time, geography, health, distance, other meetings, sometimes the Lieutenant Governor is not physically able to preside. That's why we have the rule, Rule 1, Section 6, that tells us in the Governor...in the Lieutenant Governor's absence who will preside. Senator Chambers helps us improve our bills; absolutely, I will be one of the first to admit that. acupuncture bill last year he made reference to, he hated that bill, but when Senator Chambers sticks to the point he can make He did that and I am pleased. But I can also bills better. remember a time when Senator Chambers, it was a bill, don't know